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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

   Letter dated 27 January 2017 from the Panel of Experts on Yemen addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/81)

Morning (following the adjournment of the 7889th meeting) — 7890th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

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2. The situation in Guinea-Bissau

   Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and the activities of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (S/2017/111)

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Other matters

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General Assembly

Seventy-first session

10:00 **Conference Room 2**

Informal consultations on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 20 February 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2017 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting **Conference Room 1**

In-session briefings [item 6]

[*PaperSmart* will be offered as an additional service for the 2017 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal by *clicking here* in all official languages.

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat via the e-deleGATE electronic portal (https://delegate.un.int).

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org).]

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

2017 session

Working Group of the Whole

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting **Conference Room 3**

Maintenance of International Peace and Security

Advisory opinion (Belarus/Russian Federation)

Strengthening the role of the Organization (Cuba)

Peaceful Settlement of Disputes

Handbook/website (Russian Federation)

Impact on maintaining international peace and security (Non-Aligned Movement)

Repertory/Repertoire

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) **Conference Room 3**

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2016
2. Executive meeting

International Civil Service Commission

Advisory Committee on Post Adjustment Questions
Thirty-ninth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Security Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

15:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

15:00 to 18:00	316th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room A

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating Sexual Harassment in the Workplace", under item 3 (a) (i) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-first session of the Commission, convened by Permanent Mission of Israel

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Forty-third session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 23 February 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Briefing entitled "Creating Cultures of Peace: Art, Music and Peace Museums" (organized by the NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

11:00 to 12:45 [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, DPI/NGO Relations (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).

Informal discussion with the Independent Group of Scientists on the draft of the *Global Sustainable Development Report 2019* (organized by the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

11:15 to 13:00 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Stephanie Rambler, DESA (e-mail rambler@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-8188).

Panel discussion on "The Role of Women in United Nations Peacekeeping: Lessons Learned and Experiences from Women Peacekeepers Serving in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia)

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Purna Cita Mugraha, Permanent Mission of Indonesia (e-mail purna_ce@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (202) 972-8333).

African Group (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Tuesday, 28 February 2017

10:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 Conference Room 2

Informal consultation on the process concerning the ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them

Advisers of the consultation process would be available for bilateral meetings with Member States and indigenous peoples' representatives on Monday, 27 February 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00. Member States and indigenous peoples' representatives wishing to schedule a bilateral meeting with the Advisors are requested to send an e-mail to helena.vuokko@formin.fi.

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 February 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

Monday, 6 March 2017 Conference Room 3

The status of preparedness of documentation has been issued as document A/C.5/71/L.22.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available on the website of the Committee (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly requested to submit any changes or additions to their delegation or changes to the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, *in writing*, by note verbale or using form A/INF/71/2, to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (c/o Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament

Informal consultations

Wednesday, 1 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 5

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 5

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Forty-third session

6 to 17 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Friday, 10 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Open meeting	Conference Room 2

To mark the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Commission and to highlight the work it carried out in these two decades and reflect on the relationship between the Commission and the other two treaty bodies established under the Convention, namely the International Seabed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

The programme of the open meeting, which will be made available on the website of the Commission in early February, includes interventions by the Secretary-General of the United Nations or his representative, the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority and the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, as well as by presenters from among the current members of the Commission.

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Tuesday, 28 February, to Thursday, 2 March 2017 — Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its operational activities for development segment (item 7 and sub-items (a) and (b) of the 2017 agenda (E/2017/1)). The segment will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Cristián Barros Melet (Chile).

Additional information on the operational activities for development segment is available on the website of the Council (please *click here*). For further details, please contact Mr. Kirit Patel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944).

The *general discussion* of agenda item 7 as a whole will be held on Wednesday, 1 March 2017, from 16:00 to 18:00, and on Thursday, 2 March 2017, from 16:30 to 17:30. Requests for inscription on the *list of speakers* for the general discussion should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

Delegations are requested to send the composition of their delegations to the operational activities for development segment of the 2017 session of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one *list of participants* will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

Delegations are reminded that *PaperSmart* services will be available for the duration of the 2017 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of Council (please *click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the email. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations.

Coordination and management meeting
19 to 21 April 2017

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than Thursday, 30 March 2017*, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (Attn: Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2017 regular session

Friday, 24 February 2017

10:00 to 13:00 16th meeting Conference Room 2

Adoption of the report of the Committee [item 10]

Commission on Population and Development
Briefings

Thursday, 2 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Chair of the Commission on Population and Development, Her Excellency Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani (Qatar), will hold a briefing on organizational matters, logistics and NGO participation for the fiftieth session of the Commission. All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Friday, 3 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

The Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will hold a briefing on the substantive

reports of the Secretary-General that have been prepared for the fiftieth session of the Commission. The meeting will be chaired by Her Excellency Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani (Qatar), Chair of the Commission.

All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Statistical Commission
Forty-eighth session
Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 March 2017 Conference Room 4

Tuesday, 7 March 2017

10:30 Opening meeting General Assembly Hall

The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2017/1 and E/CN.3/2017/L.1, respectively.

Representatives of States members of the Commission, who are entitled to travel expenses coverage by the United Nations, are requested to kindly complete and submit to the secretariat, *as soon as possible*, the forms distributed in this regard. For this purpose, please contact Ms. Li Wang (e-mail wangl@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-4569).

Delegations are informed that *PaperSmart services* will be offered as an additional service for the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart1@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

In addition, a print-on-demand service will be made available to delegations, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mails sharma7@un.org and leu@un.org; Room S-3073)).

Further information on the session can be obtained from the website of the Commission (*click here*); or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session
13 to 24 March 2017

Monday, 13 March 2017

10:00 Opening meeting General Assembly Hall

The annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2017/1 and E/CN.6/2017/1/Add.1/Rev.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (please, *click here*). The *list of side events* on the occasion of the sixty-first session of the Commission will be available soon.

For the participation and seating arrangements, members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations *as soon as possible* (c/o Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; Room S-1274; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Due to the limited number of seats available for observers in the conference room, only observers who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat *by Thursday, 9 March 2017*, will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The general discussion of agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 13 March, in the morning, and will continue in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 14 March, and Wednesday, 15 March; in the afternoon of Thursday, 16 March, and Friday, 17 March; and in the morning of Wednesday, 22 March.

The *list of speakers for the general discussion of agenda item 3* is open. Requests for inscription should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and functional title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed *ten minutes*.

The Commission will hold four *ministerial round tables under the priority theme* in the afternoon of Monday, 13 March 2017. For additional details, please refer to the discussion guide (E/CN.6/2017/5).

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister and to indicate the first preference and one back-up option for participation in the ministerial round table, no later than *Tuesday, 28 February*, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

The Commission will also hold three *interactive dialogues as part of its ministerial segment* in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 14 March, and in the morning of Wednesday, 15 March, in parallel to the general discussion.

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister or other governmental official wishing to participate in the dialogues, no later than *Tuesday, 28 February*, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). There will be no established lists of speakers for all of the interactive dialogues, including the ministerial round tables.

PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service during the sixty-first session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to e-mail papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council* in the work of the Commission is available by *clicking here*. As requested in relevant resolutions, the *reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council* are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixty-first session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Meeting of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Italy and of Maldives)

Monday, 27 February 2017

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 9

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Eugenia Palagi, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail eugenia.palagi@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Monday, 27 February 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Monday, 27 February 2017

15:00 to 16:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Non-Aligned Movement (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 28 February 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Event on "Driving Coherence and Partnership – Mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals in Strategic Planning" (organized by the World Food Programme (WFP))

Tuesday, 28 February 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ashley Baxstrom, WFP (e-mail ashley.baxstrom@wfp.org; tel. 1 (646) 556-6923).

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 28 February 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Wednesday, 1 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Event on "On States' Anti-Slavery Obligations" (organized by the United Nations University Office at the United Nations (UNU-ONY))

Wednesday, 1 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Julia Blocher, UNU-ONY (e-mail blocher@unu.edu); to register, please *click here*.

Event on "Non-violence as a Style of Politics for Peace" (co-organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, Pax Christi International and the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative)

Thursday, 2 March 2017

15:00 to 17:00 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For more information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (e-mail office@holyseemission.org; tel. 1 (212) 370-7885); to register, please *click here*.

Event on "Protecting Endangered Cultural Heritage in Times of Conflict" (co-organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and the International Federation for Peace and Sustainable Development (IFPSD))

Tuesday, 7 March 2017

15:00 to 17:00 Conference Room 1

All are invited. To register or for further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (e-mail office@holyseemission.org; tel. 1 (212) 370-7885); or IFPSD (e-mail info@usfmep.org; tel. 1 (917) 331-4699).

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs recently added the following lectures to the Lecture Series of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) website: Judge Iulia Motoc – "The Influence of the European Court of Human Rights on Human Rights Regimes in Central and Eastern Europe" and Professor Leila Nadya Sadat – "The Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials: Seventy Years Later".

All interested parties are invited to visit the website, please *click here* to access the lectures.

Open-ended informal consultative meeting on "Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices"

2 and 3 March 2017 Conference Room 3

In accordance with resolution 71/259, an open-ended informal consultative meeting, organized by the Chair of the high-level fissile material cut-off treaty expert preparatory group, will be held on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. This meeting has been convened so that all Member States can engage in interactive discussions and share their views on the report of the Group of Governmental Experts, as contained in document A/70/81, which shall be conveyed to the high-level fissile material cut-off treaty expert preparatory group for consideration.

All interested non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Representatives of non-governmental organizational not in possession of a valid ground pass to United Nations Headquarters in New York are requested by *Monday, 27 February 2017*, to register with Ms. Haruka Katarao (e-mail haruka.katarao@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4178, with copy to tan1@un.org).

For further information, please contact Ms. Silvia Mercogliano, UNOG (e-mail smercogliano@unog.ch).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the months of *February and March 2017*:

General Assembly documentation

Security Council documentation

Introduction to legal resources

Introduction to United Nations documents (English, French)

Finding speeches (English, French)

Voting information (English, French)

Treaty research

Introduction to library services

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*). For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

International Law Seminar for African Universities: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (19-30 June 2017): Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions and call for applications

The African Institute of International Law is planning to conduct the second International Law Seminar for African Universities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from 19 to 30 June 2017, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of the faculty members of academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/139 (A/RES/71/139).

The curriculum for this seminar will include: International Law (Ms. Boisson de Chazournes), International Trade Law and Environmental Law (Mr. Mbengue), African Union Law and Institutions (Judge Kioko), International and African Human Rights Law (Mr. Okafor), Law of the Sea (Ms. Oral); as well as International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law (Judge Advocate General Riordan).

The seminar is subject to funding by *voluntary contributions*. Voluntary contributions are *urgently needed* to ensure the continuation of this essential capacity building activity to promote international law education in Africa.

For further information, please contact the African Institute of International Law (e-mail info@ aiil-iadi.org), or the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org). Application forms are available on the AIIL website (*click here*).

Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Part I of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 22 February 2017

Security Council

[archived video]

7887th meeting

Briefing by the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited His Excellency Sebastian Kurz, Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by His Excellency Sebastian Kurz.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Kazakhstan (His Excellency Roman Vassilenko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs), the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the United States, Japan, Sweden, China, Italy, Ethiopia, France, Uruguay, Senegal and Egypt; and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Ukraine.

7888th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/144)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President invited Mr. Stephen O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, to participate in the meeting.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. O'Brien.

A statement was made by the representative of Uruguay.

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2017 substantive session

251st meeting — *General debate* [item 5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bangladesh, Brazil, Senegal, Nigeria, Myanmar, the Syrian Arab Republic, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Chile, Brunei Darussalam, Bhutan, Georgia and Armenia.

252nd meeting — *General debate* [item 5]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Serbia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Eritrea, Tunisia, the Republic of Korea, Honduras, Nepal, Uganda, Israel and Djibouti.

Statements were also made by the observers for the International Organization of la Francophonie and the African Union.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

[archived video]

1st meeting — *Opening of the session*

The Secretary-General opened the meeting and made a statement.

Election of the Chair

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management conducted the election of the Chair by secret ballot.

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, His Excellency Rafael Dario Ramirez Carreño (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)) was elected Chair of the Committee.

The Committee acceded to the participation in the meeting of the delegates of Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Gabon, Germany, Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, the United Arab Emirates and Uruguay; as well as the observer for the African Union.

The Chair made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda.

Election of other officers of the Special Committee

The Committee elected by acclamation Her Excellency Anayansi Rodriguez Camejo (Cuba), His Excellency Dian Triansyah Djani (Indonesia) and His Excellency Adikalie

Foday Sumah (Sierra Leone) as Vice-Chairs, and His Excellency Bashar Ja'afari (Syrian Arab Republic) as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Chair drew the Committee's attention to notes by the Secretary-General (A/AC.109/2017/L.1) and by the Chair (A/AC.109/2017/L.2) relating to the organization of work.

The Committee, on the proposal of the Chair, adopted the proposed organization of work and timetable for its 2017 substantive session, contained in document A/AC.109/2017/L.2, as orally revised.

A statement was made by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda.

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

[archived video]

285th meeting Statements were made by the representatives of India and the Philippines.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Declarations recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice under Article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court. 15 October 1946

Declaration under article 36 (2) of the Statute: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (22 February 2017)

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Objection to the reservation made by Brunei Darussalam upon ratification: Poland (22 February 2017)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Liberia
His Excellency Lewis G. Brown

Asia-Pacific States
Maldives
His Excellency Ahmed Sareer

Eastern European States
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
His Excellency Vasile Andonoski

Latin American and Caribbean States
Dominican Republic
His Excellency Francisco Antonio Cortorreal

Western European and other States
Turkey
His Excellency Feridun Sinirlioğlu

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

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Security Council

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